

## The Ahadith, The Traditions

### 1. The Greatest Obligatory Act

عَنْ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (ع) أَنَّهُ قَالَ: بَرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ أَكْبَرُ فَرِيضَةٍ.

The Commander of the Faithful (peace be upon him) has said: “Goodness towards (one’s) parents is the greatest obligatory act.”

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### 2. The Best of Deeds

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ (ع): أَفْضَلُ الْأَعْمَالِ الصَّلَاةُ لَوْ قَتَبَهَا وَبَرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَ الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “The best deeds are: Salat in its stipulated hour, goodness towards parents and Jihad in the way of Allah.”

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### 3. Attachment to Parents

فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): فَقَرَّ مَعَ وَالِدَيْكَ فَوَ الَّذِي نَفْسِي بِيَدِهِ لِأَنْسُهُمَا بِكَ يَوْمًا وَ لَيْلَةً خَيْرٌ مِنْ جِهَادٍ سَنَةٍ.

[A person once approached the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) and said: “I have an old father and mother, who due to their attachment towards me, are not keen for me to go to Jihad.”]

[Hearing this], the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) said: “(If such is the case then)

Stay with your parents for, by the One in whose control lies my soul, their attachment of one day and one night to you is better than one year of Jihad.”

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## 4. The Most Beloved Deed

سَأَلْتُ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (ص): أَيُّ الْأَعْمَالِ أَحَبُّ إِلَى اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ؟ قَالَ الصَّلَاةُ لَوْ قَتَلَهَا. قُلْتُ ثُمَّ أَيُّ شَيْءٍ؟ قَالَ بِرُّ  
الْوَالِدَيْنِ. قُلْتُ ثُمَّ أَيُّ شَيْءٍ؟ قَالَ الْجِهَادُ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ.

[Ibne `Abbas states:] “I questioned the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family): Which deed is the most beloved in the eyes of Allah, the Mighty, the Glorious?” He (peace be upon him and his family) replied: “(Offering) prayers at their stipulated times.” I then asked: “Which is the next most beloved deed?” He (peace be upon him and his family) answered: “Goodness towards (one’s) parents.” I asked him again: “After this which is the most beloved act?” He (peace be upon him and his family) said: “Jihad in the way of Allah.”

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## 5. Looking at Parents

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَا مِنْ وُلْدٍ بَارٍ نَظَرَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ بِرَحْمَةٍ إِلَّا كَانَ لَهُ بِكُلِّ نَظْرَةٍ حَجَّةٌ مَبْرُورَةٌ. فَقَالُوا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَإِنْ نَظَرَ فِي كُلِّ يَوْمٍ مِائَةَ نَظْرَةٍ؟ قَالَ نَعَمْ. اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَأَطْيَبُ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “Every righteous child who casts a look of mercy and affection upon his parents shall be granted, for every look of his, rewards equivalent to that of an accepted Hajj.” Those around the Prophet questioned: “O’ Prophet of Allah! Even if he were to look at them a hundred times a day?” The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) replied: “Indeed! Allah is the Greatest and Most Kind.”

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## 6. The Great Rank of Parents

عَنْ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ الرِّضَا (ع) قَالَ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ أَمَرَ بِثَلَاثَةِ مَفْرُوعٍ بِهَا ثَلَاثَةُ أُخْرَى: أَمَرَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ فَمَنْ صَلَّى وَ لَمْ  
يُزَكِّ لَمْ تُقْبَلْ مِنْهُ صَلَاتُهُ وَ أَمَرَ بِالشُّكْرِ لَهُ وَ لِلْوَالِدَيْنِ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَشْكُرْ وَالِدَيْهِ لَمْ يَشْكُرِ اللَّهَ وَ أَمَرَ بِاتِّقَاءِ اللَّهِ وَ صَلَاةِ  
الرَّحِمِ فَمَنْ لَمْ يَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ لَمْ يَتَّقِ اللَّهَ.

Imam al-Ridha (peace be upon him) has said: “Allah, the Mighty, the Glorious, has commanded three things with which he has associated three other things. He associated payment of zakat along with prayers such that one who offers prayers, but desists from offering zakat, his prayers are rejected. He associated gratitude to Him with gratitude towards parents such that one who is grateful to Allah, but ungrateful to his parents, will be deemed as ungrateful to Allah. He associated righteousness with bonds of kinship such that one who is righteous, but has severed relations with his kin, will be deemed as not being righteous.”

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## 7. Kindness to Parents

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ (ع): بِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ مِنْ حُسْنِ مَعْرِفَةِ الْعَبْدِ بِاللَّهِ إِذْ لَا عِبَادَةَ أَسْرَعُ بُلُوغاً بِصَاحِبِهَا إِلَى رِضَى اللَّهِ مِنْ بَرِّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ لَوَجْهِ اللَّهِ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Goodness towards the parents is an indication of a person’s excellent cognizance of Allah. This is because there is no worship that can take a person towards the happiness of Allah faster than exhibiting respect towards his Muslim parents for the sake of Allah.”

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## 8. Obedience Towards One’s Parents

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ أَصْبَحَ مُطِيعاً لِلَّهِ فِي الْوَالِدَيْنِ أَصْبَحَ لَهُ بَابَانِ مَفْتُوحَانِ مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ وَإِنْ كَانَ وَاحِداً فَوَاحِداً.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “One, who follows the orders of Allah with regards to obeying parents, shall have two doors of Paradise opened up for him. And if there happens to be only one parent, one door of Paradise shall open up for him.”

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## 9. The Most Exalted Station

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): أَلْعَبْدُ الْمُطِيعُ لَوَالِدَيْهِ وَ لِرَبِّهِ فِي أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has stated: “One who is obedient towards

his parents and his Lord shall be accommodated in the most exalted of places on the Day of Judgment.”

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## 10. Repayment Of Debts

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ حَجَّ عَنْ وَالِدَيْهِ أَوْ قَضَى عَنْهُمَا مَغْرَمًا بَعَثَهُ اللَّهُ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “One who performs Hajj on behalf of his parents and repays their debts shall be raised by Allah on the Day of Judgement amongst the righteous ones.”

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## 11. Pleasing Parents

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ أَرْضَى وَالِدَيْهِ فَقَدْ أَرْضَى اللَّهَ وَ مَنْ أَسْخَطَ وَالِدَيْهِ فَقَدْ أَسْخَطَ اللَّهَ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “One who pleases his parents has verily pleased Allah, and one who has angered his parents has verily angered Allah.”

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## 12. Sheltered by the ‘Arsh (Throne) of Allah

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ (ع): قَالَ بَيْنَا مُوسَى بْنُ عِمْرَانَ يُنَاجِي رَبَّهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ إِذْ رَأَى رَجُلًا تَحْتَ ظِلِّ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ. فَقَالَ: يَا رَبِّ مَنْ هَذَا الَّذِي قَدْ أَظْلَهُ عَرْشُكَ؟ فَقَالَ: هَذَا كَانَ بَارًا بِوَالِدَيْهِ وَ لَمْ يَمْشِ بِالنَّمِيمَةِ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) related: “Once when Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was engaged in a conversation with his Lord, The Mighty, The Glorious, he observed a person beneath the `Arsh (Throne) of Allah, whereupon he (peace be upon him) asked: O’ My Lord! Who is this person, who is being sheltered by Your `Arsh?” Allah replied: “This person had been kind and good towards his parents and never indulged in slandering (them).”

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### **13. Travel and be Good!**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): سِرُّ سَنَتَيْنِ بَرٍّ وَالِدَيْكَ سِرُّ سَنَةِ صَبْرٍ رَحِمَكَ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “Travel even for two years to do good to your parents. Journey (even) for one year to establish bonds of kinship (with your relatives).”

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### **14. Increase in Life and Livelihood**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ أَحَبَّ أَنْ يَمُدَّهُ لَهُ عُمُرُهُ وَأَنْ يَزِدَّادَ فِي رِزْقِهِ فَلْيَبِرْ وَالِدَيْهِ وَ لِيَصِلْ رَحِمَهُ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “One who desires a long life and an increase in livelihood should exhibit goodness towards his parents and establish bonds of kinship (with his relatives).”

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### **15. Benefits of Kindness to Parents**

فَقَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع): يَا مُيَسِّرُ قَدْ حَضَرَ أَجْلُكَ غَيْرَ مَرَّةٍ وَ لَا مَرَّتَيْنِ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ يُؤَخِّرُ اللَّهُ أَجْلَكَ لِصِلَاتِكَ قُرَابَتِكَ وَ إِنْ كُنْتَ تُرِيدُ أَنْ يَزَادَ فِي عُمُرِكَ فَبِرْ شَيْخِيكَ يَعْنِي أَبَوَيْهِ

[Hanan Ibn Sudair narrates: “We were in the presence of Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) and amidst us was Muyassir. During the discussion, the topic of silah rahim (establishing bonds of kinship with one’s relatives) came to the fore, whereupon] the Imam (peace be upon him), [addressing Muyassir], said: ‘O’ Muyassir! On several occasions, your end had drawn near, but on each occasion, Allah delayed your death due to your acts of silah rahim with your relatives. If you desire to have your life-span increased, exhibit goodness and kindness towards your parents.”

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### **16. First and Foremost: be Good to your Mother**

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع): قَالَ جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ (ص) فَقَالَ: يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَنْ أْبْرُ؟ قَالَ أُمُّكَ. قَالَ تُمْ مَنْ؟ قَالَ أُمُّكَ. قَالَ تُمْ مَنْ؟ قَالَ أَبَاكَ. قَالَ تُمْ مَنْ؟ قَالَ أُمُّكَ. قَالَ تُمْ مَنْ؟ قَالَ أَبَاكَ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) relates that once a person approached the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) and asked: “O’ Prophet of Allah! Towards whom should I exhibit goodness and kindness?” The Noble Prophet replied: “Towards your mother.” The man then asked: “And after that towards whom?” The Noble Prophet again said: “Your Mother.” He asked again: “And then?” Once again, he replied: “Your mother.” For the fourth time the man asked: “And then?” This time he said: “(Then towards) Your father.”

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## 17. As You Sow so Shall You Reap!

عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ (ص): بِرُّوا آبَاءَكُمْ يَبْرِكْكُمْ أَبْنَاءَكُمْ. عَفُّوا عَنِ نِسَاءِ النَّاسِ تُعَفُّ نِسَاءَكُمْ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Be good towards your parents and your children will be good towards you. (And) Look upon the womenfolk of others with purity (in conduct and intention) and your womenfolk will be looked upon with purity.”

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## 18. The Rights of the Father

عَنْ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى (ع) قَالَ: سَأَلَ رَجُلٌ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ

(ص) مَا حَقُّ الْوَالِدِ عَلَى وَاَلِدِهِ؟ قَالَ: لَا يُسَمِّيهِ بِاسْمِهِ وَلَا يَمْشِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ وَلَا يَجْلِسُ قَبْلَهُ وَلَا يَسْتَسِيبُ لَهُ.

Imam ar-Ridha (peace be upon him) narrates that a person once asked the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family): “What are the rights of the father upon the son?” The Noble Prophet replied: “He should not call his father by name, he should not walk ahead of him, he should not sit until his father has seated himself and he should not do such acts as a result of which people abuse his father.”

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## 19. Worship in Looking

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): نَظَرُ الْوَالِدِ إِلَى وَالِدَيْهِ حُبًّا لَهُمَا عِبَادَةٌ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “The look of a child towards his parents out of love for them is an act of worship.”

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## 20. Meaning of Good Conduct

عَنْ أَبِي وَوَلَادِ الْحَنَاطِ قَالَ: سَأَلْتُ أَبَا عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) عَنْ قَوْلِ اللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَ بِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا مَا هَذَا الْإِحْسَانُ؟ فَقَالَ: الْإِحْسَانُ أَنْ تُحْسِنَ صُحْبَتَهُمَا وَأَنْ لَا تُكَلِّفَهُمَا أَنْ يَسْأَلَكَ شَيْئًا مِمَّا يَحْتَاجَانِ إِلَيْهِ.

Abu Wallad al-Hannat narrates that he once asked Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) about the meaning of the words of Allah (in the Qur'an): **“And be good to parents.”**<sup>1</sup>

The Imam (peace be upon him) replied: “Being good to them means to accompany them in a good manner and never to wait for them to ask you for what they need.”

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## 21. Responsibilities Towards One's Parents

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ (ع): لَا تَمَلَّأْ عَيْنَيْكَ مِنَ النَّظَرِ إِلَيْهِمَا إِلَّا بِرَحْمَةٍ وَرِقَّةٍ وَ لَا تَرْفَعْ صَوْتَكَ فَوْقَ أَصْوَاتِهِمَا وَ لَا يَدِيكَ فَوْقَ أَيْدِيهِمَا وَ لَا تَتَقَدَّمْ قُدَّامَهُمَا.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said (in regards to one's parents): “Do not cast your gaze upon them except with love and compassion; do not raise your voice above theirs; do not raise your hands above theirs; do not walk ahead of them.”

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## 22. On Behalf of Parents

قَالَ الصَّادِقُ (ع): مَا يَمْنَعُ الرَّجُلَ مِنْكُمْ أَنْ يَبِرَّ وَالِدَيْهِ حَيِّينَ وَ مَيِّتَيْنِ يُصَلِّيَ عَنْهُمَا وَ يَتَصَدَّقَ عَنْهُمَا وَ يَحُجَّ عَنْهُمَا وَ يَصُومَ عَنْهُمَا فَيَكُونَ الَّذِي صَنَعَ لَهُمَا وَ لَهُ مِثْلُ ذَلِكَ فَيَزِيدُهُ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِرِّهِ وَ صَلَاتِهِ خَيْرًا كَثِيرًا.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) had said: “What prevents a person from doing good to his parents – whether alive or dead – by offering prayers, giving charity, performing Hajj on behalf of them, (knowing that) the rewards of these acts are also granted to him, in addition to his parents? Besides, due to his good deeds and prayers (for them), Allah, the Mighty and the Glorious, shall grant him abundant good.”

## **23. Evil Parents And Kindness**

عَنْ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (ع) قَالَ: ثَلَاثٌ لَمْ يَجْعَلِ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لِأَحَدٍ فِيهِنَّ رُخْصَةً أَدَاءُ الْأَمَانَةِ إِلَى الْبَرِّ وَالْفَاجِرِ وَالْوَفَاءُ بِالْعَهْدِ لِلْبَرِّ وَالْفَاجِرِ وَبِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ بَرِّينَ كَانَا أَوْ فَاجِرَيْنِ.

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (peace be upon him) has said: “There are three things which Allah, the Mighty and the Glorious has not permitted anyone to forsake: returning a trust to its owner, irrespective of whether he is a good person or an evil one; fulfilling one’s promises and covenants, irrespective of whether it has been made to a good person or an evil one; being good and kind towards one’s parents, irrespective of whether they are good or evil.”

## **24. Polytheist Parents**

عَنِ الرَّضَا (ع) فِي كِتَابِهِ إِلَى الْمَأْمُونِ قَالَ: وَبِرُّ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَاجِبٌ وَإِنْ كَانَا مُشْرِكَيْنِ وَلَا طَاعَةَ لَهُمَا فِي مَعْصِيَةِ الْخَالِقِ.

In a letter to Ma`mun, Imam ar-Ridha (peace be upon him) wrote: “To do good to one’s parents is obligatory, even if they are of the polytheists, however, they should not be obeyed in acts that go against the commands of Allah.”

## **25. Visiting the Graves of Parents**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): مَنْ زَارَ قَبْرَ وَالِدَيْهِ أَوْ أَحَدِهِمَا فِي كُلِّ جُمُعَةٍ مَرَّةً غَفَرَ اللَّهُ لَهُ وَكَتَبَ لَهُ بَارًا.

It has been narrated that the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) said: “Whoever visits the graves of his parents or one of them every Friday, Allah shall forgive his sins and shall regard him to be of those who had been kind to his parents.”

## 26. Kindness to Parents and Paradise

عَنْ أَبِي الْحَسَنِ (ع) قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص) كُنْ بَارًا وَاقْتَصِرْ عَلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ عَاقًا فَظًّا فَاقْتَصِرْ عَلَى النَّارِ.

Imam ar-Ridha (peace be upon him) relates that the Noble Prophet (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Be good and kind to your parents so that your recompense is paradise, and if you have been disowned by them, your abode shall be the fire (of Hell).”

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## 27. A Stern Look

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) قَالَ: لَوْ عَلِمَ اللَّهُ شَيْئًا أَدْنَى مِنْ أَفٍّ لَنَهَى عَنْهُ وَهُوَ مِنْ أَدْنَى الْعُقُوقِ وَمِنَ الْعُقُوقِ أَنْ يَنْظُرَ الرَّجُلُ إِلَى وَالِدَيْهِ فَيَجِدَ النَّظَرَ إِلَيْهِمَا.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Had Allah known of a thing more trivial and insignificant than the word ‘ugh’, he would have forbidden it (to be spoken to the parents). Uttering ‘ugh’ (to the parents) is the mildest form of ill conduct towards the parents. One of the ways in which a person can be regarded as being disowned by the parents is that he casts a hard and stern look upon them.”

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## 28. A Hateful Look

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) قَالَ: مَنْ نَظَرَ إِلَى أَبِيهِ نَظَرَ مَاقِتٍ وَهُمَا ظَالِمَانِ لَهُ لَمْ يَقْبَلِ اللَّهُ لَهُ صَلَاةً.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “Allah shall not accept the prayers of a person who looks at his parents with hatred, even if they have been unfair to him!”

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## 29. Making the Parents Sad

قَالَ أَمِيرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ (ع): مَنْ أَحْزَنَ وَالِدَيْهِ فَقَدْ عَقَّهُمَا.

The Commander of the Faithful (peace be upon him) has said: “One who causes his parents to become sad has indeed been disowned by them.”

### **30. The Imam's Displeasure**

عن أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ (ع) قَالَ: إِنَّ أَبِي نَظَرَ إِلَى رَجُلٍ وَ مَعَهُ ابْنُهُ يَمْشِي وَ الْإِبْنُ مُتَّكِيٌ عَلَى ذِرَاعِ الْأَبِ قَالَ فَمَا كَلَّمَهُ أَبِي (ع) مَقْتًا لَهُ حَتَّى فَارَقَ الدُّنْيَا.

Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (peace be upon him) relates: “Once my father saw a person and his son walking together. As they walked, the son was leaning against the arm of his father. (This act of the son was so abhorrent and infuriating to my father that) he (peace be upon him) never spoke to him throughout his life.”

### **31. Quarrelling with One's Father**

قَالَ أَبُو عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع): ثَلَاثَةٌ مَنْ عَارَاهُمْ نَلَّ الْوَالِدُ وَ السُّلْطَانُ وَ الْغَرِيمُ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) said: “There are three individuals that whoever argues with them shall suffer humiliation and disgrace: one's father; a (just) ruler; and one in debt.”

### **32. Fragrance of Paradise**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص) فِي كَلَامٍ لَهُ: إِيَّاكُمْ وَ عُقُوقَ الْوَالِدَيْنِ فَإِنَّ رِيحَ الْجَنَّةِ تُوجَدُ مِنْ مَسِيرَةِ أَلْفِ عَامٍ وَ لَا يَجِدُهَا عَاقٌ وَ لَا قَاطِعٌ رَحِمٍ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “Beware of become disowned by your parents, for verily the fragrance of paradise which can be smelt from a distance of a thousand years, shall never reach the nostrils of one who has been disowned by his parents and one who has severed the bonds of kinship (with his relatives).”

### **33. No Entry into Paradise!**

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ (ع) قَالَ: لَا يَدْخُلُ الْجَنَّةَ الْعَاقُ لِوَالِدَيْهِ وَ الْمُدْمِنُ الْخَمْرِ وَ الْمَتَّانُ بِأَفْعَالِ الْخَيْرِ إِذَا عَمِلَهُ

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “The person who has been disowned by his parents, one who consumes intoxicants and one who does acts of goodness towards others but imposes obligations upon them shall never enter into Paradise.”

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### **34. Allah Shall Not Exhibit Mercy Upon Them!**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): أَرْبَعَةٌ لَا يَنْظُرُ اللَّهُ إِلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَاقٌ وَ مَنَانٌ وَ مَكْذِبٌ بِالْقَدَرِ وَ مُدْمِنٌ خَمْرٍ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has stated: “On the Day of Judgment there shall be four groups of people upon whom Allah shall not cast His look of mercy: those who have been disowned by their parents, those who place obligations upon others after doing good to them, those who reject the concept of fate and destiny and the one who consumes intoxicants.”

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### **35. Chastisement in This World**

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): ثَلَاثَةٌ مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ تُعَجَّلُ عُقُوبَتُهَا وَ لَا تُؤَخَّرُ إِلَى الْآخِرَةِ عُقُوقُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَ الْبَغْيُ عَلَى النَّاسِ وَ كُفْرُ الْإِحْسَانِ

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has stated: “There are three sins, the punishments of which are hastened and not deferred for the hereafter: disownment by one’s parents, committing oppression upon the people, and ingratitude with respect to kindness.”

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### **36. The Grave Sin**

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) قَالَ: الذُّنُوبُ الَّتِي تَظْلِمُ الْهَوَاءَ عُقُوقُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has said: “A sin that darkens the skies is being disowned by one’s parents.”

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## 37. Wretchedness

عَنِ الصَّادِقِ (ع) قَالَ: عُقُوقُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ مِنَ الْكَبَائِرِ لِأَنَّ اللَّهَ جَعَلَ الْعَاقَّ عَصِيًّا شَقِيًّا.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) has stated: “Becoming disowned by one’s parents is one of the Great Sins. This is because Allah, the Mighty and the Glorious, has termed such a person disobedient and wretched.”

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## 38. Perditiion

عَنْ أَبِي عَبْدِ اللَّهِ (ع) أَنَّ رَسُولَ اللَّهِ (ص) حَضَرَ شَابًا عِنْدَ وَفَاتِهِ فَقَالَ: لَهُ قُلْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ. قَالَ: فَأَعْتَقَلَ لِسَانَهُ مِرَارًا. فَقَالَ لِامْرَأَةٍ عِنْدَ رَأْسِهِ: هَلْ لِهَذَا أُمٌّ؟ قَالَتْ: نَعَمْ أَنَا أُمُّهُ. قَالَ: أَفَسَاخِطَةٌ [أَنْتِ] عَلَيْهِ؟ قَالَتْ: نَعَمْ مَا كَلَّمْتُهُ مُنْذُ سِتِّ حِجَجٍ. قَالَ لَهَا: ارْضِي عَنْهُ. قَالَتْ: رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ بِرِضَاكَ عَنْهُ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ. فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): قُلْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ. قَالَ فَقَالَهَا ثُمَّ طَفَأَ.

Imam as-Sadiq (peace be upon him) relates: “Once, the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) approached a youth who was on the verge of dying, and said to him: “Say ‘There is no God except Allah.’ But the youth’s tongue appeared to be tied and he was unable utter the words. When this took place several times, the Prophet said to a lady standing near the youth’s head: “Does this youth have a mother?” The lady replied: “Yes, I am his mother.” The Prophet asked her: “Are you angry with him?” She confessed: “Yes. I have not spoken to him for the last six years.” Hearing this, he said to her: “Be pleased with him.” She agreed and said: “O’ Prophet of Allah! For the sake of your pleasure, may Allah be pleased with him.” (Then, turning to the youth) he said: “Say ‘There is no God, except Allah’). (This time) the youth was able to recite the words and shortly afterwards, his soul departed his body.”

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## 39. Acts without Benefits

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): يُقَالُ لِلْعَاقِّ إِعْمَلْ مَا شِئْتَ فَإِنِّي لَا أُغْفِرُ لَكَ وَ يُقَالُ لِلْبَارِّ إِعْمَلْ مَا شِئْتَ فَإِنِّي سَأَغْفِرُ لَكَ.

The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) has said: “One who has been disowned by his parents is told: ‘Act as you please, for I shall not forgive you.’ Whereas one who is good towards his parents is told, ‘Act as you please. I will be forgiving towards you.’”

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## 40. Forgiveness of Sins

عَنْ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ (ع) قَالَ: جَاءَ رَجُلٌ إِلَى النَّبِيِّ (ص) فَقَالَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ مَا مِنْ عَمَلٍ قَبِيحٍ إِلَّا قَدْ عَمِلْتُهُ فَهَلْ لِي مِنْ تَوْبَةٍ؟ فَقَالَ لَهُ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص) فَهَلْ مِنْ وَالِدِكَ أَحَدٌ حَيٌّ؟ قَالَ أَبِي. قَالَ فَانْهَبْ فَبِرَّهُ. قَالَ فَلَمَّا وَلَّى قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (ص): لَوْ كَانَتْ أُمُّهُ.

Imam Zainul `Abidin (peace be upon him) relates: “Once a person approached the Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him and his family) and said: ‘O’ Prophet of Allah! I have committed every known evil act. Is there a chance that I may be forgiven?’ The Messenger of Allah asked him: ‘Are any of your parents still alive?’ The man replied: ‘My father.’ He said to him: ‘Go and be good and kind to him.’ When he left, the Messenger of Allah muttered: ‘If only his mother had been alive.’”

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1. Al-Qur’an, Suratul Baqarah (2), Verse 83

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